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Controller's Office Receives Grant Documents

SACRAMENTO – The State Controller's Office issued the following statement today regarding the audit of grant payments to the Colour Me Freedom Foundation:

The Colour Me Freedom Foundation provided some of the records we requested, purportedly supporting expenditures of \$35,255 in grant funds. Foundation officials have yet to provide documentation supporting the remaining \$186,370 in payments.

Auditors will meet with Foundation officials to determine how the balance was used and whether the expenditures were appropriate. While this audit is not yet complete, our work to date reinforces our concerns regarding advance payments to grant recipients.

The State Department of Parks and Recreation certified advance payments to the Foundation of \$221,625 but had no formal policies or procedures to track the status of projects after advance payments were made.

The Controller's Office began an audit of the Foundation grant after a review found significant lapses in oversight of legislative grants administered by the Department.

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